

## FROM GOSHEN, IND.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—This beautiful morning I will try and pen a few lines for the good of all. Brother I. N. Miller, of South Bend, came to us about three weeks ago, a perfect stranger to most of us in the flesh but not in spirit, and he labored long and hard every night, patiently waiting for the results, but the dear Saviour came at last and was joyously admitted into eleven precious hearts and they were all baptized and received into the church. Oh, what a rejoicing it was here, but how much more in heaven. Three were heads of families and their wives, the rest were all grown to womanhood. Last night our meetings closed. Oh, how I wish they could last forever. It seems like heaven below, for where Jesus is all is love.

Brother Miller is a man who is not afraid to preach the Gospel and nothing but the Gospel. Our prayers will always be for his success wherever he may go, and for his dear family. May the dear Saviour keep us all faithful unto death, is the prayer of your sister in Christ.

MRS. MAGGIE S. SMITH.

## FROM HARRISONBURG, VA.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Since my last report I have been having some lively experiences. I have been busily engaged in revival work. Have had many disadvantages to labor under. Every meeting in some way was greatly hindered. My work in West Virginia was pleasant in many respects, but at the first point I preached, my work was broken in on by the G. B's. I preached in their church and of course when they came there to hold meetings we willingly gave them full sway. Of course that ended our labors at that point at that time. We then went further on and begun preaching at the High Rock church owned by the U. B. church. With all our might we held up the Gospel Alone Doctrine for a week when we were again obliged to close on account of the announcement of the pastor of that church, that his fall revival would commence Sunday night. Two souls were made willing there to enter God's service. That was the first time for our people at that point. The people are interested at that church in the salvation of their souls. We will go back in the Spring and hold another meeting. After we closed our work in W. Va., we came home and begun a meeting at Mt. Olive; we commenced on the 18th of November, and closed the 8th of Dec. Immediate results, three baptized and one by relation, one yet to be baptized. We met with many discouragements at that point. When we had drawn large crowds to hear the Word, the G. B's. commenced a revival at Mill Creek just a short distance away and that broke our audience, of course. Yet we had the largest crowds; they continued about one week, but we held on to our meeting with all the courage that we could summon up, then our

crowd begun to increase again after the G. B's. closed their meeting, without any conversions. Of course we were encouraged to preach longer, but they commenced a second meeting which lasted a few days. Again my audience was divided, yet we held on tighter than ever. I am determined not to be run out by the Guns from any castle. I didn't accuse them even of holding their revivals to injure our meeting, yet they were telling that they didn't do it on purpose. "A guilty conscience needs no accuser." I hope they did not do any of it on purpose.

We are now at home again and will attend the "Grand Jubilee Singing" at the home church (Bethlehem), Brother J. H. Hall will be the conductor. The proceeds will go to the paying of the new organ.

We started at this point two years ago with an organization of twenty members; since that time we have built the church and increased the membership to eighty-five. We meet many discouragements but with all the energy that belongs to the Brethren we move on.

Brother E. B. Shaver is our elder. He is a power in the Master's work, and we feel sure he is in earnest and is doing much good in the Valley. We have many enemies here tattle-telling tales that they think will injure us. Yet in the face of all this and a hundred other difficulties we are pushing the Master's cause, and our church is growing prosperous. We ask the prayers of the brethren and sisters everywhere.

JOS. I. HALL.

## FROM BRIGHTON, IND.

THE EVANGELIST: The EVANGELIST is a very welcome visitor at our house and always has been, and we trust always will be. There is so much good news in it that I cannot understand why there are so many members of the Brethren church who do not read it. If each member of the Brethren church would read the paper with the interest they should, there would be less cold and indifferent members neither would there be so much fault finding. Members who do not get to church regularly would be more able to stand in defense of the progress of the church; sometimes opposers break in upon us and try to make us believe that the Brethren church is fast going to naught. And am sorry to say that some believe it.

It is invariably those who do not read the church paper and are not posted in the work of the church. I truly believe that if each pastor could only comprehend the lasting belief it derived in uniting the members to a oneness of work, they would earnestly urge the reading of our church paper, and the use of our own literature. Our S. S. at Brighton have decided to use the Brethren literature for the first quarter of 1895 as a trial; this is a step in the right direction. We hope the school after the trial may continue to use them.

We have a good interesting S. S. with Bro. C. Smith as superintendent.

The children will give a Christmas entertainment to-night.

The church met in business meeting Dec. 22nd, the business passed off pleasantly. Bro. D. V. Yoder who is preaching for us at present, was our chairman. The same officers was re-elected for the coming year. We have had many oppositions to encounter, but by the grace of God we stand, and by his grace we will continue to stand.

So far we have been sadly disappointed in not having secured some one to hold us a revival. But while we have been unfortunate in this, we rejoice to learn of so many places where so many have been brought to Christ through the preaching of his word. We still hope to have a meeting. May God bless, keep and inspire us all with more zeal for his cause.

M. E. HOMER.

## DUNLAPS, IND.

The Union meeting of the Brethren churches of Elkhart County, Ind. will be held at Dunlaps, Saturday, Jan. 12th, 1895. Services to begin at one o'clock. Communion in the evening. Everybody invited.

A. R. BEMENDERFER, Sec.

## FROM THE FIELD.

I commenced a meeting in Dallas Center, Iowa, on Saturday evening, Nov. 24th, and continued services every evening until Dec. 8th. The attendance and attention was excellent. Saints were encouraged and sinners were impressed.

During these meetings old acquaintances and associations were renewed and former ties strengthened. Here I met Elder B. F. Miller of the German Baptist Brethren once more as of old. He met me in his own house as only a christian brother could do. To meet his dear family just as years ago made us think of sweet home, where all will be brethren. Here also I met others whose associations I enjoyed years ago, whom space would not permit to name. I will, however, be excused for mentioning Brother and Sister Flora of this city, so well known to The readers of the EVANGELIST, in whose house I am writing this and with whom I expect to eat turkey to-day, for this is Christmas. I had never met Brother and Sister Flora before until my present visit to this church. I find them justly worthy of the high esteem in which they are held, both at home and abroad in our Brotherhood.

Brother Flora is kin of the Flora family noted for pure Dunkard blood. Sister Clara Meyers Flora is a niece of the noted Elder Grabill Meyers so well known in Dunkardism and cousin of our esteemed Brother Will Spanogle, and being naturally a student and a talker, as most women are, any way all accounts for her ability as a preacher, and being the wife of Brother Flora whom she can safely ask at home when she wants to know anything gives her additional advantages.

Sunday, Dec. 9th, I commenced a

two week's meeting east of town, about six miles at a point belonging to the Dallas Center church.

The services were held in a school house. Although of ordinary size it was much too small for the crowd which was so large. The last night there was not even standing room.

While there were some things operating against a large ingathering as immediate results, we had a good meeting. Three came forward and gave us their hand for membership, all heads of families. They will be a valuable addition to the church.

We believe also this opens the way for a number more who were near the kingdom.

I had a very pleasant time among our brethren here. They were all so kind to me. My home at Brother and Sister Woster and Brother and Sister Rows I will not soon forget. May God bless our dear brethren and sisters in the church here. Brethren, live close to God; watch and pray that you enter not into temptation.

## CHURCH WORK.

\* During my labors in the Dallas Center church, two meetings were held for church work. The first on Dec. 2nd, 1894, at which Sister Flora was duly ordained to the full ministry and eldership in the Brethren church, by prayer and the laying on of hands.

The second was held Dec. 11th, at which, after the transaction of general business, it was decided to elect two deacons. The lot fell on Brethren Martin Bassatt and Conrad Grief, two very worthy brethren. Just the right men in the right place.

This leaves the church in this place well organized and in good working condition, with bright prospects. May God greatly bless the Brethren church at Dallas Center, Iowa.

C. FORNER.

## FROM ROANOKE, VA.

DEAR READERS OF EVANGELIST:—We are still moving along in the even tenor of our way. We gave the children of our Sunday school a nice little treat of apples, candy and cake, Christmas. The appreciation of their presents was evident to all who saw their beaming faces.

If the Lord's willing, we expect to open up a mission in the north west part of the city, for Sunday night meetings, possibly we will begin about the first Sunday night of January. Our city is literally crowded with churches, yet there are thousands of people out of Christ. Satan with many of his angels are at work here; not contented with damning sinners he endeavors to throw dire reflection upon the children of the most high God. We can be thankful that our lot has been cast among a kind and God fearing people. By the help of God and the indwelling of his Holy Spirit, we will continue to wage the war against Satan and his hosts. May we have the prayer of God's people in our behalf.

J. S. BOWMAN.